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	BG	Certified English Translation of German patent G 92 05 797.7, published July 30, 1993, entitled "Self-expanding mesh basket used to occlude human hollow organs".
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